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Arabic-language weekly AL-AKHBAR January 14 headed lead editorial "We and the West." Paper stated:

(1) Aid received by Libya from US and UK less than that given other near eastern countries.

(2) Facilities granted to US and UK by Libya greater than those granted by other near eastern countries.

(3) Libyan needs in economic field greater than those of other near eastern countries.

(4) Above considerations indicate time has come for reconsideration Libyan policy along lines of not giving more than is received.

Paper asks Prime Minister and new Parliament review position and "not throw ourselves into lap of those who do not differentiate between those who cooperate with them and those who curse them.

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